NENE PARK GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON 18TH JULY 2016 IN THE WOODMAN, THORPE WOOD

Present:	Chris Naylor	Chairman
	Colin Bagley	Handicap Secretary
	Nigel Alban	Competition Secretary
	Peter Cudbertson	Seniors Captain
	Karen Martins	Lady Handicap Secretary
	Sue Hansen	Ladies Comp Sec
	David Riley	Men's Representative
	Apologies:	Chris Dann
		Jocelyn Faris

ITEM 1: Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising: Action

No matter arising.

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

ITEM 2: Captains' Reports:

Club Captain: Results:

Friendly matches: NPGC beat Rutland County (A) 3½-2½
NPGC drew with Greetham Valley (H) 3-3

Jock Stewart: NPGC (Thorpe) beat Ramsey 2-1
NPGC (Thorpe) beat Old Nene 2-1
and are now in the final

Derek Burridge: NPGC (Orton) beat St Ives 4½-1½ and are due to play Old Nene in the semi-final on 6 August.

The Captain reported that there are 133 entrants in the Men's Open.

Lady Captain:

Inter-club matches: NPGC v North Luffenham (H) lost 3-0
Mixed match v Elton Furze (H) – halved

Special ladies event – 16 ladies enjoyed a 2-day golf break at Manor of Groves at the end of June.

Future events: preparations are in hand for the Lady Captain's Day on 4 August and the Ladies 3 Ball Alliance at Orton on 24 August.

Seniors Captain:

Match v Greetham Valley (H) lost 4 -2
Match v Brampton Park (H) lost 4-2
CAGU Seniors KO Cup v St Neots (A) – NPGC lost 2-1

Junior Organiser

On 14 July, NPGC beat Bourn (A) 3-0. Bourn fielded only 3 eligible players. There was no junior organiser present and no post-match food was provided. Corey Dann won 3&2, Tyler Burr won 4&3, and Lucas Bickers won 6&4.

Fixtures: 30 July Nene Park v Ely City in the CAGU Friendly Golf KO Trophy Semi-Final
11th/12th August, the England Golf Finals at Frilford Heath
28th August NPGC v Saffron Walden at home

Documentation has been received for Nene Park Golf Club to host a junior competition under the auspices of the Daily Telegraph with the opportunity of winning a place in the finals at Quinta Do Lago.

Aaron and Chris are discussing holding weekly competitions for the juniors throughout the summer holidays.

The Junior Section would like to thank the Management Committee for their support in respect of the £500 donation which will help to finance the deficit for the team clothing and post-match food at The Woodman.

ITEM 3: Handicap Secretaries' Reports

The Lady Handicap Secretary advised that the ladies section had decided not to use the high club handicaps as it was felt this would undermine the confidence of new ladies awarded a handicap over 36. It is intended to cap ladies handicaps at 36 at this stage.

Also it was mentioned that the ladies section will stay with Marks and Spencer vouchers for winners.

ITEM 4: Competition Secretaries' Reports:

Responses have been received from those members to whom letters were sent regarding 'no shows' and all are now aware of what is expected of them in this regard in the future.

A letter has been received from a member regarding poor etiquette by a society that was allowed on the Orton course ahead of a Club competition. The Competition Secretary has responded to the member, copy to Simon Fitton, that the Club has no control over NGL bookings. It was also explained that the Golf Committee is also considering other ways that are within its control to negate the impact of societies on men's competitions.

Danny Cameron Memorial:

The Lady Captain has expressed concern about teams being pre-booked on HDiD for this competition. It was explained that the preferred format, which was used last year, is one man, one senior and one lady although a shortage of ladies restricted the number of teams in this preferred format. No firm decision can be made until the number of lady entrants is known.

Ladies Competitions: Nothing significant to report.

Any Other Business:

a) Dave Riley suggested there should be a laid down policy regarding action taken against persistent 'no shows'.

1st occasion: a letter reminding the member of his responsibilities
2nd occasion: a warning that any re-occurrence will result in the loss of competition playing rights
3rd occasion: loss of competition playing rights for one month

It was also agreed that to give the proposal the widest circulation it should be published in the Club Newsletter.

b) Dave Riley proposed that, when a Club team plays at home in the semi-final of a CAGU competition, free food should be provided as a gesture of support to the team.

In addition, for teams that reach a CAGU final, a Club shirt with logo should be presented to each team member. It was considered that both of these initiatives would enhance the standing of the Club.

c) Junior Team Colours: Regrettably, the colours selected for the Junior Team are not the Club colours. It is too late to correct this now but consideration should be given to bring them in line when the present stock of junior shirts has to be replaced.

d) Junior Captain: Concern was expressed that the Junior Captain played in a men's competition instead of supporting the juniors in a recent competition.

e) Seniors Competitions: It was requested that more variety be introduced into the Seniors competition schedule instead of these always being stroke play or stableford format competitions. It was also requested better publicity be given to the seniors competitions that are available to members. It was questioned how much more can be done when the competitions are on the Club calendar, on How Did I Do, and published in the Club Newsletters. It was also pointed out that of the 260 seniors in the Club, the same 50 or 60 have been supporting seniors' competitions for the last 12 months despite this extensive publicity.

f) Sue Hansen asked about funding for new and replacement trophies. She was advised that these could be funded from the allowance allocated by the Treasurer to each section.

g) The Captain asked if it was intended to present a voucher this year to the best single figure golfer. The Comp Sec agreed that a voucher would be available.

h) The Presentation Night was again well attended and appreciated by all.

i) It was agreed that a sum of up to £20 would be available for refreshments at the Halfway House for the Men's Open. Secretary

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th August at 7pm in The Woodman

Colin Bagley, Meeting Secretary